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"Mall"? Try "strip mall"



By Courtney Hundt
 Co-sports editor

It's no secret that Dubuquers searching for something to do often find themselves wandering the halls of Kennedy Mall. Whether it's to shop, eat, hang out with friends—everyone comes to the mall.

Not so much the case any more. Business is slow at the mall and there is a lot of gossip floating around about stores coming and going. The only problem is more are going than coming.

Within the last six months five mall

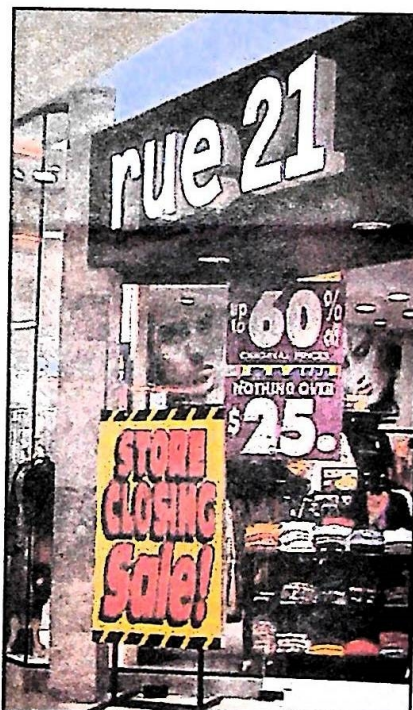
stores have closed and one will be leaving this month. Famous Footware was the first to go in December, followed by quick exits by Eby's, Sam's Subs and Bloomer's Ice Cream in January. During the last week of February Hatch's and Wilsons will be shutting their gates. Rue 21, formerly Stock Room, will be leaving in a few weeks. For some stores, it's slow business that is causing them to leave and for others it's high leases.

A former employee of Eby's, a sporting good store, said business wasn't what it use to be, so the store was forced to close. In fact, the company

overall in Iowa is going under.

According to a manager at Hatch's, the store is closing because of leases have increased. Their district manager didn't want to pay high rent for a mall that looked so empty.

Mall shoppers are disappointed to see all of the stores go. "It upsets me to see the stores closing because my options to find a variety of things are limited," said Dubuque native Jessica Tuthill.



photos by Molly flores

Now seniors can do it all at Senior Salute

By Jose Hernandez
 Staff Writer

Clarke will host "Senior Salute," a day-long event for graduating seniors, on Thursday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Student Activity Center.

A new partnership between Clarke and Jostens, a major manufacturer of graduation products, will allow seniors to getting measured for caps and gowns. Seniors will also be able to finalize arrangements with various

campus offices and order personalized graduation announcements, all in one day at one location. Representatives from Clarke's registrar's office, financial aid office, student accounts, career services, and alumni office will be on hand to complete required graduation arrangements and answer questions.

Graduating seniors are encouraged to attend the event. Graduation attire must be ordered at "Senior Salute." This year students will be able to keep their caps, gowns and hoods, rather than rent them, at no additional cost.

Students will also be able to purchase a newly designed Clarke College class ring at "Senior Salute." The ring, designed by a committee of students, faculty and staff, will be unveiled at the men's volleyball game on Wednesday, March 13.

Senior salutes are held at many colleges around the country, such as Calvin College, University of Kentucky, Indiana University, and Luther College.

Sr. Mary Benedict is 100

By Tony Frenzel
 Co-editor

On March 3 the BVM congregation and the Clarke community celebrated the one-hundredth birthday of Sr. Mary Benedict Phelan, BVM. Sister Mary Benedict spent the prime years of her life (1957 to 1969) serving Clarke as president. During her tenure she helped improve the college through building programs and making curriculum changes, among many other things.



"I am filled with gratitude for the life that's been mine," Sister Benedict, who now lives at Mount Carmel here in Dubuque, said. "I'm grateful for family and community, and for all the blessings of our religion. I'm surprised that I've lived this long."

Before starting her illustrious career as a BVM, Mary Benedict was a student at Clarke. She graduated in 1924. During her time here she was very influential and forward thinking; she was even the first student body president the college ever had.

"It wasn't quite as complicated being a student then as it is now," she laughed. "We started a student body organization while I was there and I was president of that. I was always very active in affairs. We were very successful in raising funds for the building of Mary Frances Hall."

Sr. Mary Benedict went on from Clarke to receive an M.A. in education from the University of Southern California. Before entering the BVM congregation in 1931, she

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N'SYNC Gone?



By Danielle Jackson
Staff Writer

Hopefully N'SYNC not, but the end may be near. As of now, Britney has not come between the boys. And Chili's has not poisoned them. All of N'SYNC is healthy and alive.

At least they are for now. But once Lance Bass goes into space, it will all be over and the world will end.

Now, it is a given that all of the members of N'SYNC have more money than they know what to do with, but that is no reason for Lance to vacation outside of our atmosphere. In these times of paranoia, it is controversial enough to leave the country, let alone the planet. Where is security and N'SYNC's management? Do they not see what a dangerous risk it is to let a

vital part of something with the potential to do so much go into the unknown?

I know that other people have gone out there and that it is fairly safe and that he won't be alone. But Lance's bodyguards cannot protect him from black holes, asteroids, and whatever is out there that we do not know about. This stunt could easily be a conspiracy to destroy N'SYNC, and the government can be in on it. All it takes is one slip up by some "expert" who despises the group or realizes that N'SYNC is more powerful than the president, and then Lance will be gone.

It is a shame that I see the oncoming devastation, but it is Lance's life and if he wants to live it amidst the unknown, he has my blessings.



photo by Adam Nettleton

Silk links nature and spirituality

By Tony Frenzel
Co-editor

As they entered the lecture hall each audience member was given a small stone and, during the course of the lecture, it became apparent what that stone was meant for. It represented something to focus on and give meaning to.

"Meaning is not inherent in the rock," explained the speaker, Clarke English professor Bobbie Silk: "A specific context and goal could give your rock meaning. Meaning comes from connecting to something larger or to a web of meaning."

On February 19 the Mackin-Mailander Lecture Series continued its look at spirituality in the twenty-first century with a lecture by Silk. The last lecture featured Dr. Jay McDaniel and focused on spirituality's place within nature.

Using slides showing tranquil nature scenes, Bobbie explained that there is a link between humans and nature called "biophilia," and this link can be used to decrease pain or increase satisfaction.

"Whether people realize it or not, there is an inextricable link between humans and nature," she noted.

Silk then went on to explain how language is a large metaphor that we, as communicators, don't notice on a day-to-day basis. Words with physical connotations are used to explain abstract ideas, forming a metaphor. Language is thus just an extended metaphor to explain abstract ideas in our minds.

"Our experience of the natural world gives us substance for powerful analogic thinking. Metaphors are drawn from physical experience but allow us to reach beyond the physical and the literal for a greater understanding," she said.

Silk wrapped up the lecture by explaining that our spirit is disconnected from nature because we blame our bodily selves for holding us back from the divine. Drawing on Buddhism, Silk described her belief that the body is a "vehicle to enlightenment."

"Do not disdain your body, for the soul is just as safe in its body as in the kingdom of heaven," she concluded.

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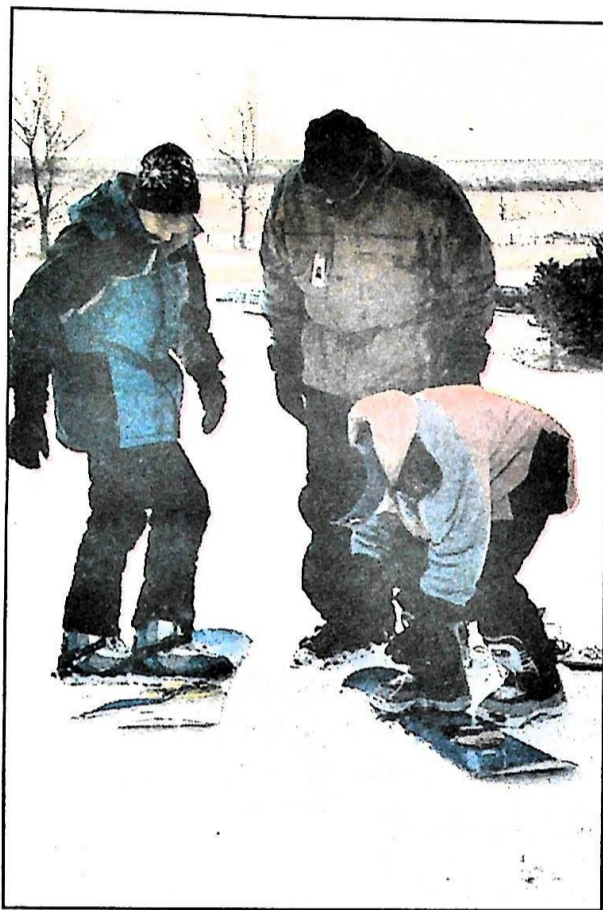


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November 11 to get a discounted rate; at that time no one knew what kind of winter weather we were in for.

Dietz isn't worried about season pass sales dropping next year either. He feels that

although this skiing season wasn't the best, with all the U.S. medals being won in the Winter Olympics, interest in the sport will stay strong.

Skiers and snowboarders have mixed feelings about the

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Sister Mary Benedict

Catholic University of America. From there she moved on to chair the Department of Education and Psychology at Mundelein College in Chicago. In 1957, she returned to Clarke to serve as president.

"I enjoyed seeing the students at Clarke be successful and realizing that they liked Clarke too; that they were going to support the values we stood for. That was the most important thing to me; that our values were being accepted by the students," Sr. Mary Benedict said.

Under Mary Benedict's presidency, Clarke expanded and changed in many key areas. She started the graduate program in education, saw to the creation of a computer science department, and helped begin the tri-college initiative.

"We had a meeting with Loras, and the University of Dubuque. We worked together so we would cooperate in diverse areas. It was very, very successful as a cooperative venture," she remembers.

She was also essential in changing Clarke's ownership over to a primary lay board of trustees. Originally, Clarke had been owned by the BVM congregation, but this move placed it in the hands of a board. This was a far-sighted move with an eye for advancing the college into the future.

"I think my greatest achievements were in curriculum and giving the students more opportunities for leadership," said Sr. Mary Benedict. "Also, creating more opportunities for people to know about Clarke was a great achievement for me."

Under her leadership Clarke also gained a new science building, Catherine Byrne Hall, and a fourth floor for Mary Josita Hall.

"I was responsible for the building of Mary Benedict Hall, also, but I didn't have anything to do

with naming it!" she laughed. "It was the president after me that did it. I would have never thought of such a thing."

The BVMs were a part of Mary Benedict's life from an early age. Her aunt, Josephine Malone, was a BVM, and she learned from her about Clarke and the congregation.

"I was born in Galesburg, Illinois where I stayed through fourth grade. After that we moved to live in Sioux City until I finished high school," she said. "I had a very loving family. My parents both had great respect and love for one another, and they tried their best to do what they could for the family and for the community. Education was very important to them from the beginning my siblings and I knew we were going to college."

Mary Benedict can trace her family lineage back to Ireland, just like the founding members of the BVM congregation. Her great-grandfather was the first in her family to cross the Atlantic to the United States.

"I have three sisters and one brother; I was the oldest. My brother Jack was the youngest; he's 11 years younger than I. All of them taught for a living," Sr. Mary Benedict said.

In honor of her birthday the liturgy on Sunday, March 3 at Mount Carmel was devoted to her along with a special birthday dinner afterward. Students and alumni were also sent birthday cards that were delivered in a large wrapped birthday gift.

Sr. Mary Benedict ended our interview by saying, "Cooperation, thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has given to us, and especially thanks to the parents and students at Clarke: these are all important things to me now and when I was president. They have been real blessings."

VIEWS OF Sr. Benedict

"Sr. Mary Benedict was an educator par excellence, as well as a woman religious whose example and encouragement were meaningful to lay people and religious alike. Her tenure as president of Clarke was a gift to us all in our college community. Alumnae remember her well."

—Therese Mackin, BVM, Executive Vice-President of Clarke

"Usually I'm asked to sing for the funeral of a sister, but it was an honor and a great privilege to be able to sing for the living—especially such a wonderful, caring, and giving person as Sister Benedict."

—Professor of music John Lease, who sang at Sr. Benedict's birthday party Sunday.

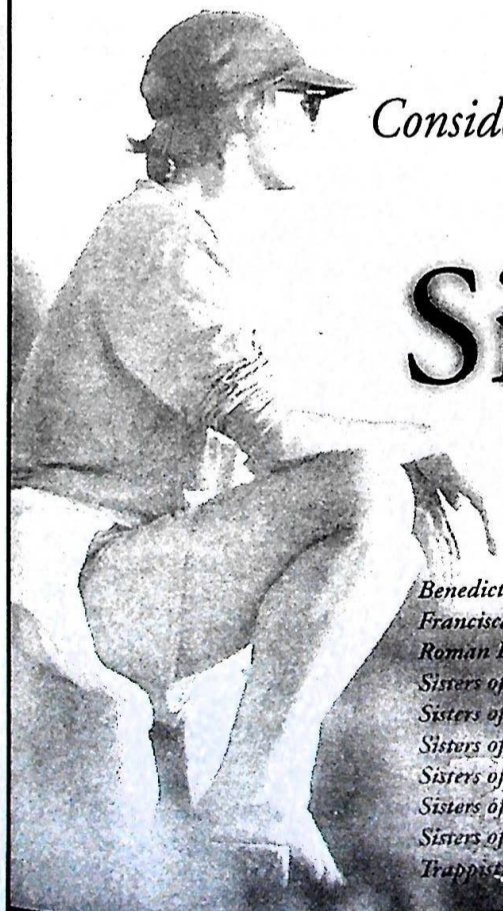
"One of the things I admire about Sr. Mary Benedict is, from my perspective, she has always been 'other-centered' instead of self-centered. As a leader her goal was always the good of the entire college. She elicited the cooperation of all of us in achieving that goal."

—Sara McAlpin, BVM, English professor

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Clarke drama professor David Kortemeier plays the role of Roger Chillingworth in the Clarke production of *The Scarlet Letter* which was presented at the 1997 Regional American College Theatre Festival.



Prof exits Clarke stage

By Adam Nettleton
Co-Editor

It's time for a change. After 11 years at Clarke drama/speech associate professor David Kortemeier is exiting our stage and pursuing his passion for acting. He feels it is time to go after a new goal.

For David and his family there were many factors that played in the decision to leave. His children are grown and out of the house. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is taking the land he lives on for a new highway from Dubuque to Madison. And the opportunity came up to take over father in law's farm in Illinois. His family has also been blessed with an inheritance and so money is no longer an issue in his career.

"I need to get back in the game," said David. "I have been teaching full time and acting in the summers and I am ready to flip flop that." David's wife Kate, who has done the costuming for many Clarke plays, wants to expand her organic gardening and David will be closer to Chicago. He likes smaller towns and he likes his space, but realizes that to be successful he has to move to a city.

"The decision to leave was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made in my life," said David. "I

love it here and it has been good for my family."

David plans on getting his Screen Actors Guild card this year, which will allow him to work in film and television, opening a whole new facet of his career. His short-term goal is to land a good agent; he is already looking

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in Chicago.

"I want to work in the best theaters in the country," he said. "I want to experience TV and film auditions, to branch into as many areas as possible."

After earning his B.A. in music, he did musical theater non-stop for five years. He realized as he moved up that the other performers could sing just as well and act even better. That's when he decided it was time to go to graduate school. He ended up at the University of Louisville looking for a challenge. He didn't want an easy ride.

"I did indeed finish, glad I did it, and glad it's over with," he said. "It was rigorous and demanding."

He had a young family at

the time and wanted to be at home more. He discovered through some experiences with high school students that he enjoyed teaching acting.

He applied to 70 colleges in two years; Clarke was the only one to give him an interview. He was one of 200 applicants for the position. Clarke was attractive to him because it was a smaller place where he could do some acting. It's rare that smaller programs let professors act in performances. He got the interview because he had worked with his predecessor at Clarke at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival.

The part of being at Clarke that David has enjoyed the most is working with students on an equal basis in productions.

"As long as I have that to do, it's a nice escape from everything," he said. "My attitude is 'hey' I don't have all the answers and we'll figure this out together."

David believes that goals are a very important part of anything in life. When he landed the job at Clarke he set specific goals. He wanted to make tenure, associate professor, and stay in touch with the Illinois Shakespeare Festival.

"I don't care what dreams you have, setting concrete goals is part of it," he said. "There's nothing sweeter when you reach your goal. The celebration was intense

and immense."

He believes that if it is possible for you to re-evaluate your place in life and create new challenges, you should do so. He is now confident in his teaching ability, something he didn't have when he arrived.

"I think watching students work makes me re-investigate my process," he said. "As I try to teach how I look at a role to students and see them struggle with it, I ask questions about my work. Working with students has really helped me."

David feels he has learned more from his failures than his successes; he takes it back to his high school days when a teacher told him that he would never be an actor. He thrives on rejection.

"Outside sources telling me I am not going to do it and I am not going to make it is like a fire that motivates me," he said. "What fuels me is an anger; my self esteem as an actor has never been high. I have never thought I was very good and I don't believe I will ever believe that I am very good."

It's a passion that he can't ignore. "Don't bet against me, I am not going to give up acting. I love to do it so much that I don't care how good I am; it's not important to me anymore," he said. "I just have to do it and I know I will until the day I die."

Students choosing grad school in tight job market

By Christi Thompson
Staff Writer

The economy is down and graduation is approaching fast. A lot of college seniors are just now beginning to ask themselves, "What comes next?" Some Clarke seniors plan on going to graduate school—a process that had them searching out programs and applying to different schools as far back as a year ago. Other soon-to-be graduates are gearing up for job searches in an ailing job market.

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Other Clarke students are remaining calm about the economy, saying it is bound to improve. Julie Welter of the Clarke Career Services office says, "The market is starting to turn around. We've got jobs coming in to our office now so it's not like there aren't any jobs out there for students." Welter feels that the situation is better here in the Midwest than on the coasts.

A study done by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute shows that this year, across the board, 6 to 13 percent fewer graduates will be hired than last year. "It takes a while," Welter says. "You need to decide what the best program is for you and you need to be really clear in your goals."

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CLARKE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Ellen Goodman: Two words: first of all, the part where Kris Breyer gets knocked in the head gets me every time and, umm they, well Jed talks about crabs and you can quote me on this. I can't really say the "cleave" patrol thing can I? Thanks for being on "cleave" patrol (pause) Jed. This is the kinda show you can invite Jed's mom too."

Mike Delp: My mom's coming but she'll probably be disgusted.

Ellen Goodman: My mom's coming and she's bringing friends!

KT Lark: My mom's coming, but my 15-year-old brother will probably like it more.

Jed Thompson: I hope my mom wears her fake nose ring.

Josh Sundstrom: My mom's coming cause I'm in it; she enjoys this type of thing. If there is ever a mom you would like to talk about sex with, it would be my mom.

Leane Vandrovic: I think it would be interesting, really interesting, if my mom came but it's not her type of thing.

Danielle Jackson: I'm all for it and there should be more N*Sync.



Jed Thompson and Kris Breyer onstage in *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Wedding* to be performed March 7-10 at 8:00 p.m. in TDH.

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Looking Forward

By Julie Connors
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, staff, and family came together on Saturday, February 16th, to help celebrate the opening of an art exhibit, *Looking Forward* by Clarke senior Jessica Rebik. "This is an accumulation of my own views looking forward taken from my hopes, fears and expectations," said Jessica. The exhibit consists of a variety of paint-

ings all dealing with realism and containing symbolism about the passing of time, stability, and the changes in life that everyone must deal with.

Looking Forward is something we must all do in order to know what we want out of life as well as the type of person we want to become," said Jessica.

Friends and family were used as models in most of the paintings. The landscape and the inspiration for a majority of the

paintings came from Jessica's time spent in Wales, where she studied abroad in spring of 2000 and returned again in the summer.

She began work on these pieces this past summer. All but one of the pieces is for sale, ranging in price from \$100-\$300. After opening night six of them had already been sold.

The buyers range from members of the Dubuque community to Clarke College. The one painting that Jessica is not selling

is of her mother holding her as a baby. This one is going to be given to her mother.

Jessica has been interested in art for as long as she can remember. It is what she enjoys doing the most.

After graduation she plans on taking a year off to do service work, but is unsure of where. Afterwards she will return to graduate school.

The exhibit ran from February 12-24.

Clarke Artists Profile

MARCH 8, 2002

Michael Frain

Pianist, Composer, Vocalist, Conductor,
And just an all around cool guy. . .

By Megan E. Gloss
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's about 7 p.m. on a brisk Thursday evening as I stroll into the smoky lounge. The room is dimly lit, the walls adorned with pictures of jazz's musical greats, old vinyl recordings, and musical instruments.

There is a mixed fragrance of smoke, liquors, and perfume in the air. There is the sound of voices conversing, glasses clanging, and laughter, but in the background, music is being made. And the man making the music: jazz pianist Michael Frain.

Michael, a sophomore music and philosophy major at Clarke, may be a mere 19 years old, but don't let that fool you. He plays as if he's been studying jazz piano his whole life, and in a way he has.

Michael began fingering his way into music studying classical piano

variety of other Clarke musicians, he performs regularly at Duke's on Thursday evenings beginning at 7.

Establishing his own musical style is an important aspect in Michael's artistry. "Jazz music, by its very nature, is imperfect," he says. "Nobody can claim that they've perfected the art because they are always getting better. In improvisation, you often hit wrong notes, but they can't really be classified as wrong notes in jazz music. I think, for me, jazz piano in itself is just an extension of my own humanity. It often exempli-



Photos by Megan E. Gloss

"He is a Harry Connick, Jr. guru."

11 years ago when through inevitable musical involvement, he began to play in his high school's jazz band. "Playing in the band in high school introduced me to the style of jazz piano and really turned me on to field of jazz in general," says Michael. "I've been studying jazz music ever since."

Influenced by his parents who gave him the extra nudge he needed, as well as his jazz contemporaries, Michael continued on his musical journey up to his graduation when he enrolled in Eastern Illinois University, a school noted for its jazz program.

When the program went under spring of his freshman year, he made the transfer to Clarke.

"Being at Clarke, I have a chance to be a part of a jazz program that is just beginning," says Michael. "I also have an opportunity to get better in my own playing."

When at home in Aurora, Ill., Michael plays a regular gig at a department store and also plays at jazz clubs, weddings, and private parties in the Chicago area. His most recent gig has been right here in Dubuque at a local jazz club known as Duke's Place. With a

fies its own imperfections, but I'm always learning and getting better."

And it doesn't stop at piano! Aside from his fancy fingering, Michael also studies voice with John Lease, professor of music at Clarke and sings with the Collegiate Singers. He studies conducting with Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Conductor William Intriligator as well, and also happens to be an accomplished composer. On December 6, Michael's piece, *Swing and a Miss*, was debuted at the New Music Concert in Jansen Music Hall, played by the Clarke Jazz Band, with which he also performs.

Along with his many musical talents, Michael has been described by many as being "just an all around cool guy." "He is a Harry Connick, Jr. guru," says Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Operations Manager, recent Clarke grad, and frequent concert attendee Gwen Manternach. "The boy has talent!"

For this somewhat shy, musically talented cool guy from Chicago, his future is looking to swing with the great sounds of jazz "like a wink and a smile."

CLARKE COLLEGE

2002 Softball Preview

Lady Crusaders

03	Kari Henrichs	Junior
05	Christine Steines	Soph
06	Jenni Christopher	Soph
09	Desi Schmitz	Soph
11	Emily Belt	Soph
12	Annette Bielema	Soph
13	Charity Haley	Junior
15	Alisha Frese	Senior
16	Melissa Reisberg	Frosh
18	Sarah Currie	Junior
20	Christa Swift	Frosh
21	Emily Sexton	Senior
22	Amy Cherne	Junior



In the Dugout

Cara Clark looks into the new season



Lisa Kapka
Sports Writer

Leading the Crusader softball team is head coach Cara Clark. Coach Clarke has been on both sides of the dugout, once playing for Clarke herself.

Clark received her B.A. in psychology from Clarke and Master of Science degree in counseling at Western Illinois University.

Coach Clark is anticipating the upcoming season. She stresses fundamentals: "Consistency is the key," she

notes. The Crusaders are looking to balance their offense and defense with strength in bunting. "The program lost a great group of players last spring, but we have a solid core of returning players," said Clark. "We also have a talented group of newcomers that have joined our program, and we're looking forward to continuing the program's winning tradition."

This season provides a challenging schedule for the Crusaders, but the strategy is play the best, be the best. "We've changed our competition level to learn, grow, and succeed," Clark said.

"For me the best part of coaching is being able to challenge others to be their best and improve myself to reach our goals," says Clark who plans on bringing in a motivational speaker to help inspire the Crusaders.

Anticipation of the 2002 season is increasing as each day passes as the Crusaders prepare to begin their season March 19 at home against Augustana College.

Unity, Dedication, Determination

March Schedule

Mar 19 Augustana College, Home 3 pm

Mar 23-30 Rebel Spring Tourney, Orlando

Mar 24	Elmhurst College	8:50 am
Mar 24	Western Conn. St.	10:40 am
Mar 25	Ramapo College	12:30 pm
Mar 25	Univ. of Dubuque	4:10 pm
Mar 26	Manchester College	8:50 pm
Mar 26	Augsburg College	12:30 pm
Mar 27	Otterbein College	12:30 pm
Mar 27	Eastern Conn. St.	4:10 pm
Mar 28	Mt. Vernon Nazarene	10:40 am
Mar 28	UW-River Falls	12:30 pm

Player Profile

Co-Captain Christine Steines



Hometown: Dubuque

Year: Sophomore

Major: Pre-Pharmacy and Biology

Years on the Field at Clarke: Two

Awards: Honorable Mention NIIC 2001

Goals: "To be on top, and to improve."

Shout Out: "No matter what, keep your head up."

Orlando Here We Come...

March 23 is the date of departure for the Lady Crusaders. They will pack their bags and travel to Orlando, Fl. and stay a week for The Rebel Spring Tournament. Spring break will consist of playing 10 games against other Division III colleges from across the nation. "This tournament will be a defining moment for our team," Coach Clark said.

Sophomore Michelle Grammer is hoisted up by her cheer-leading teammates to lead a cheer at a recent basketball game.

Photo By:
Courtney Hundt

Upcoming Crusader

Men's Volleyball	Mar.27 @ Ohio S
Mar.8 @ Milwaukee School of Engineering	Mar.28 @ Ball St
Mar.13 vs. Loyola	Mar.29 @ IPFW
Mar.15 @ Quincy University	Mar.30 @ Findlay
Mar.16 vs. Milwaukee School of Engineering	Baseball
Mar.17 vs. IPFW	Mar.8 @ Milikin University
Mar.18 @ SL	Mar.9 @ Milikin University
Mar.26 @ Antrose	Mar.9 @ MacMurtrei
Mar.26 @ Merphurst	Mar.16 vs. Univ. of Dubuque
	Mar.20 vs. Lora

Sports Trivia

Men's Volleyball
1. Who is the all-time leader in games played?
2. Who is the all-time leader in digs?
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Baseball
1. Which Crusader slugger holds the record for most home runs in a game?
2. Which Crusader has the record for most runs in one game?
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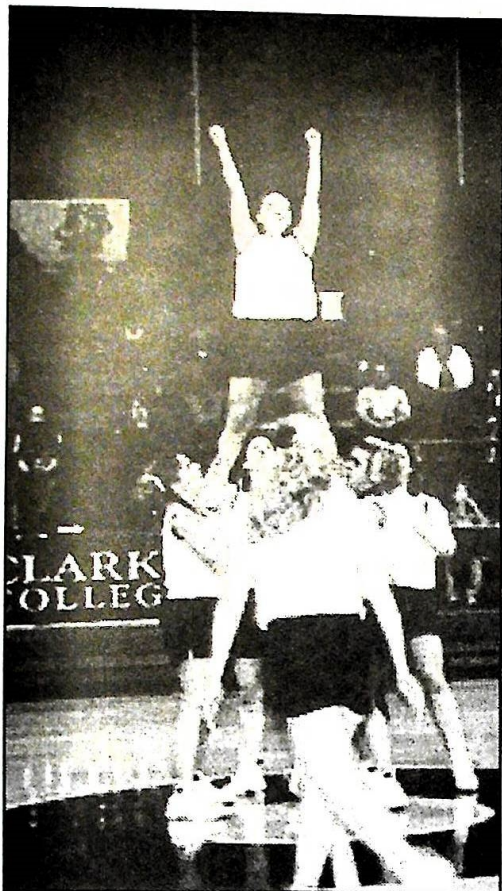


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Tim's Intramural Update

Repound Stumbles Team Hagen crowned champs

By Tim Sherlock
Sports Writer

I should have known this was going to happen...last Wednesday the championship game for men's intramurals was played. The game featured the only two teams with a winning record in the regular season, Team Hagen and Team Repound.

Throughout the season, Repound made its point and took three of four from

Team Hagen. When it came down to the most important game, however, Hagen was able to pull off the unlikely by defeating Repound 62-57.

The game was a well-fought one featuring many lead changes. It seemed that everytime Repound seemed to fade, they would come up with a big three. Hagen never let up, however, and opened up a 10-point

lead after the half.

Led by some timely shooting by guard Jimmy Coulas, Repound was able to crawl back within two, but could never get any closer than that.

Team Hagen guard Brad Perry, hampered by a chronic foot problem, played through the pain and hit some big shots in the clutch.

When all was said and done, it was

"I guess it wasn't meant to be."

—Scott Valentini

Hagen by 5 and Repound was left crying to their girlfriends. "I guess it just wasn't meant to be," said senior Scott Valentini.

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Mar.20 vs. Loras

Mar.23 #University of Chicago
Mar.24 #Concordia-Moorhead
Mar.25 #Augsburg
Mar.26 #Hamilton
Mar.27 #Bethel
Mar.28 #Union # at Gene Cusic Classic Ft. Myers, Florida

All Balls Takes Third 67-52...

As could be expected, All Balls won the consolation game against the Phillies and took third overall for the intramurals winter season. The game was a lot closer than anyone expected but a win is a win nonetheless.

Early on, it looked to be a blowout, as All Balls jumped out to a quick 15-point lead, but the Phillies were able to put it together and even showed signs of life at some points in the game. For a short

while, I would even venture to say that they looked good out there. When all was said and done, however, All Balls pulled through and took the victory.

"I thought we played pretty well tonight, and even if we wouldn't have, we probably still would have won," said All-Baller freshman Brian Stith.

Intramural News

* Women's intramurals hoops were temporarily stopped during the winter break and will resume play next week. The season will continue on throughout the spring.

* A second season of men's intramurals begins this week with 5 newly formed teams. A draft was held early this week to create the new mixes. The season will run through the rest of the year and another champion will be crowned in April.

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Baseball: 1. Troy Pafford 3, 2. Shannon Pervis
Perbach, Bill McNally 5, 4. Clifton Henri 13
Weisgram 1036, 3. Clint Rogers, Kevin
Volleyball: 1. Scott Schuessler 380, 2. Troy

Did an Olympic-size scandal tarnish the pride, passion, and beauty of the Winter Games?

By Juan Nino
Sports Writer

Now that the winter Olympics are over and we've had two weeks of competition, triumphs and defeats, we will remember the trials and tribulations of all the athletes, or will we?

To be honest with you the thing that will probably be remembered for a long time will be the judging scandal in the figure skating competition.

Russia's Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze and Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier came to Salt Lake seeking Olympic gold, but what they didn't know is that both of them would leave Salt Lake City with gold medals.

Both couples will probably be

remembered more for being involved in the judging scandal than for their outstanding routines.

Almost everyone present at the event was convinced the Canadians had a flawless run, and surely they did. Surprisingly, the Russians ended up winning the gold by the slightest of margins.

The Russian's program had a minor problem in their run, but still came away with the gold. Three days after the competition the International Skating Union reviewed the results and ruled that French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne had been pressured to vote for the Russians.

As a result the Canadian couple and the Russians walked away with co-gold medals. Now the ISU is trying to

change the judging system to prevent such scandals.

It is saddening to know that the spotlight of the games was focused on this scandal rather than the beauty and the passion of the winter games.

In a surprising appearance, Canadian pairs skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier and Russia's Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze took to the ice together Friday to perform in the figure skating exhibition.

At least these athletes refused to let this scandal tarnish this sport; instead they acted as professionals, thinking about not just the sport itself, but the crowds who were paying large amounts of money to see real, clean competition.

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Another Dantastic Day

by Danielle Jackson



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Rough ski season

unusually warm season. "I actually enjoy snowboarding in the warmer weather because I don't have to wear ten million layers of clothes," said Clarke junior Asheley Kiefer.

Others don't share such a positive view of the weather. Clarke junior Brad Miller said, "I was going to go skiing on a handful of nights, but it was too warm. When the snow is not real, it's icy and unpredictable."

No matter what your view of this winter season is, there's nothing anyone can do to change it. "You can paint a bleak picture, but if you're in this business, you have to look at the positive," said Dietz.

Middle names at Clarke

Women's middle names

- 1) **Marie.** A whopping 46 people at Clarke have the middle name Marie.
- 2) **Ann.** This is the most popular short, middle name, close behind with 31 people.
- 3) **Lynn.** Another short one, 17 people at Clarke can say they have Lynn as their middle name.
- 4) **Elizabeth.** one of the longer middle names, 15 people have Elizabeth as their middle name. Elizabeth is the most popular first name in England.

Men's middle names

- 1) **James.** Tops the list with 9.
- 2) Tied for second, both **John** and **Michael** came in second with 8 each!
- 3) **David.** This middle name was close behind with 6.
- 4) **William.** Four males could only be "royal" with this middle name.

Bonus: Magic of the A's. The middle name Austin, Alberto, Arif, Anthony, and Antonio belong to only one person a piece.

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